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IN THE CLAIMS.

The claims are to be amended or treated as set forth below.
A complete listing of claims follows.

1. (presently amended) A safety cage for a ladder
Comprising a series of safety cage sections spaced in the
length of the ladder and cooperating with the ladder to provide
a protected "U";

and wherein each section is vertically split so as to
provide a vertical split of the safety cage spaced centrally
outwardly from the ladder, with one cage component on one side
of said vertical split and a second cage component on the
opposite side of said vertical split, each cage component
including a releasable mechanical securement with the other
respective cage component at said vertical split to secure said
components to one another at said vertical split, and
each component including a releasable mechanical securement
at a free edge of the component for attachment to a ladder.

2. (original) A safety cage for a ladder as claimed in
claim 1 wherein each cage component is supported by a rung of
said ladder.

3. (presently amended) A safety cage for a ladder
Comprising a series of safety cage sections spaced in the
length of the ladder and cooperating with the ladder to provide
a protected "U";

and wherein each section is vertically split with one cage
component on one side of said vertical split and a second cage
component on the opposite side of said vertical split, each cage
component including a releasable mechanical securement with the

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other respective cage component at said vertical split to secure said components to one another at said vertical split at a point outwardly from the ladder, and

each component including a releasable mechanical securingment at a free edge of the component for attachment to a ladder;

~~A safety cage as claimed in claim 2~~

wherein each cage component at said free edge includes a hook for initial placement over a ladder rung for temporary hanging of said components.

4. (original) A safety cage as claimed in claim 3 wherein said cage components are of the same shape and interchangeable.

5. (original) A safety cage as claimed in claim 4 wherein each component at said free edge includes two hook connectors facing downwardly and one hook connector facing upwardly.

6. (original) A safety cage as claimed in claim 5 wherein each hook connector includes a vertically extending "U" shaped channel sized to straddle a vertical support of said ladder.

7. (original) A safety cage as claimed in claim 6 wherein each hook connector includes a captured mechanical fastener for effecting securingment of said connector to said ladder.

8. (original) A safety cage as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a ladder, said ladder comprising two upright members connected by a series of ladder rungs, each upright

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member comprising a "U" shaped cross section facing outwardly with said rungs intersecting with a base of each "U" shaped cross section.

9. (original) A safety cage in combination with a ladder as claimed in claim 8 wherein each ladder upright member has a series of holes in said base of said "U" shaped section with said series of holes being spaced in the length of said ladder.

10. (original) A safety cage in combination with a ladder as claimed in claim 9 wherein each ladder upright member has inwardly extending flanges either side of said "U" shaped cross section forming a restricted connecting structure in each ladder upright member.

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